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# Bears Unravel Blue Hose; Face Troy Teachers Fri.

## Unbeaten KS To Battle KA In Tilt Tonight

Kappa Sigma, the powerhouse of the intramural basketball league, is riding on a nine game winning streak against no defeats for the season and have only one game remaining on schedule. They face Kappa Alpha tonight in the important tilt.

Leading the top place Sigs is Gus Pender, ex-Mercer Bear star and high scorer. Pender is pacing the Sig scorers with 142 points in the eight games played. One Sig victory came on forfeit. Aply assisting Pender are Richard Sholtz, Warren Brinson, Don Reeves, and Jim Wray on the first five.

The season ends tonight with six teams seeing action on the hardwood in Porter gym. The opening tilt finds the Sigs battling KA to capture the trophy; the second place Chihauhaus will tangle with Sigma Nu in the second game with Pi Kappa Phi and Lambda Chi dueling in the nightcap.

Standings of the teams of games played through February 16 are:

	W	L
Kappa Sigma	9	0
Chihauhaus	7	1
Alpha Tau Omega	7	2
Kappa Alpha	6	3
Sigma Nu	5	4
Ministers	5	4
Phi Delta Theta	3	5
Pi Kappa Phi	1	7
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	7
MIMA	1	8

## Alpha Phi Omega Initiates Nine; Sponsors Banquet

President Glynn Hill, Macon, has announced the recent initiation of nine new pledges into the Delta Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national Boy Scout fraternity.

New initiates of the fraternity are as follows: John R. Nunnally, Hapeville; John M. Carpenter, Macon; Lawrence Grayson Moody, Macon; James A. Lewis, St. Petersburg, Florida; Johnny W. Andrews Sandersville; Herbert T. Bloodworth, Macon; Argin A. Boggus, Fitzgerald; Jack Patrick, Jackson; Delamar Parkerson, Chester.

Jack Patrick was named outstanding pledge and received an award as such.

After the initiation the fraternity members went to the S & S Cafeteria for a banquet in honor of the new initiates. Ira Snyder, Atlanta, acted as toastmaster and presented the program.

The Rev. Grayson Moody, Macon, gave the invocation. After dinner Jerry McGhee, Gainesville, entertained the group with a number of popular songs. The new pledges were introduced and presented to old members by Pledge-master James Little, Oakridge, Tennessee.

Feature speaker of the evening was Dr. Ralph Newton, a professor in the department of education at Mercer. The outstanding educator and Christian layman pointed out that some of the important and necessary aspects of service that Alpha Phi Omega is rendering.

The Rev. Harry Y. Smith, Sr., alumni secretary of Mercer and one of the guests, delivered an invocation.

## Wilkes Breaks Scoring Record; Brings Season's Total to 508

By Bob Bonner  
Cluster Sports Editor

What was expected to be a close battle turned out to be an easy victory as the Mercer Bears, sparked by Glenn Wilkes, who broke the Mercer individual scoring record, unraveled the Blue Hose from Presbyterian College last Tuesday night in Porter gym by a score of 91-64.

Wilkes, six foot-three inch sharpshooter from Eatonton, Georgia, pelleted 28 points through the nets to bring his season's total to 508. He is the first player in Mercer's history to score over 500 points in a single season.

Tomorrow night the Bears close out their 1950 basketball season when they tackle the Troy Teachers College in a return tilt.

The visitors tomorrow night have a good ball club, but were defeated by the Bears earlier in the season in a high scoring tilt, 93-84.

In Tuesday night's encounter, the Preachers drew first blood on a one handed push shot by Wilkes. Presbyterian's Dwight Groninger followed quickly to tie the score, and that was the only time in the ball game that the visitors were even with the winners.

### Bears Pulled Away

Wilkes and Lamar Clements, Mercer center, began pouring the ball through the hoops and both boys were hitting on even terms as the Bears pulled away from the Blue Hose. After trailing 23-14 at one time in the fray, the visitors got an added spark and pulled up to a 34-27 standing, the closest they got throughout the rest of the game.

Glenn Cassell and Bob Reeder took their turn and downed the Hose threat by sinking several buckets and enabling the locals to hold a 48-32 advantage when the teams left the floor at intermission.

Mayes Dobbins opened the second frame by getting two quick field goals. Wilkes followed, and the Bears started on a rampage with the regulars hitting, Coach Jim Cowan giving his subs a chance to see a little action.

### Was Strong Thread

Groninger was the strong thread in the Blue Hose outfit. For the past four games between the two schools, he has given Wilkes a duel battle for scoring honors. In Tuesday's tilt he tallied 23 points.

Scoring for the Bears besides Wilkes was Nathan Webb, 12; Lamar Clements, 13; Glenn Cassell, 4; Captain Mayes Dobbins, 7; Aulbert Kinsaul, 3; Sonny Bivins, 3; Emory Wilson, 4; Bob Caldwell, 2; and Bob Burks, 2.

## Bears Near Top In Dixie Tourney

Top seeding in the Dixie Conference will go to the Mercer Bears, Zeb Vance, head of the physical department at Mercer, disclosed last week. Vance made the announcement after receiving a letter from Dr. Howard G. Danford, chairman of the basketball tournament committee of the conference.

Dr. Danford stated that the two top teams, according to season standing, will be seeded, in the straight elimination affair. Mercer has established a conference record that will put them out front.

An added feature to the tournament will be a consolation tournament last week.

Drawings will be made Feb. 25 and schools voting for three game officials from a list of nine men nominated. The tournament will be held in Tallahassee, Fla., on Feb. 27-28 and March 1.

## Mercer Defeats Stetson, 62-57

Bob Reeder, Mercer forward, clamped the lids down on the Stetson Hatters last Friday in Porter gym to assure the Bears of a 62-57 win over the lads from Deland, Florida.

Mercer took the early lead on a shot by Glenn Wilkes. They managed to garner another goal, but then the Hatters began finding range and jumped to a 13-8 lead. From then on it was anybody's ball game as the lead changed hands 11 times, with Stetson holding a 2 point advantage at intermission.

With five minutes left to play, the Bears had managed to pull out front by four points, but it was Reeder who broke away from his opposition to sink four field goals to ice the game.

Wilkes topped Bear scorers with his 17 points to bring his total to 460 in 19 tilts. Glenn Cassell and Lamar Clements followed with 11 points each.

Glenn Cassell was a valuable man for Mercer in the closing minutes with his "Pinto-Pony" dribble, which gave considerable trouble to the Hatters.

Walt Nicholas was the big gun for the Stetson attack. He dropped in 17 markers before he fouled out with 8:20 left to play.

The win was the ninth straight for the locals and brought their season's record to 15 wins and four defeats.

In the preliminary contest, the Baby Bears had an easy time with the Georgia Military Alumni and took a 44-30 win. Alton Childs led the Bee scoring with 10 points.

## Rifle Team Fires In Hearst Match

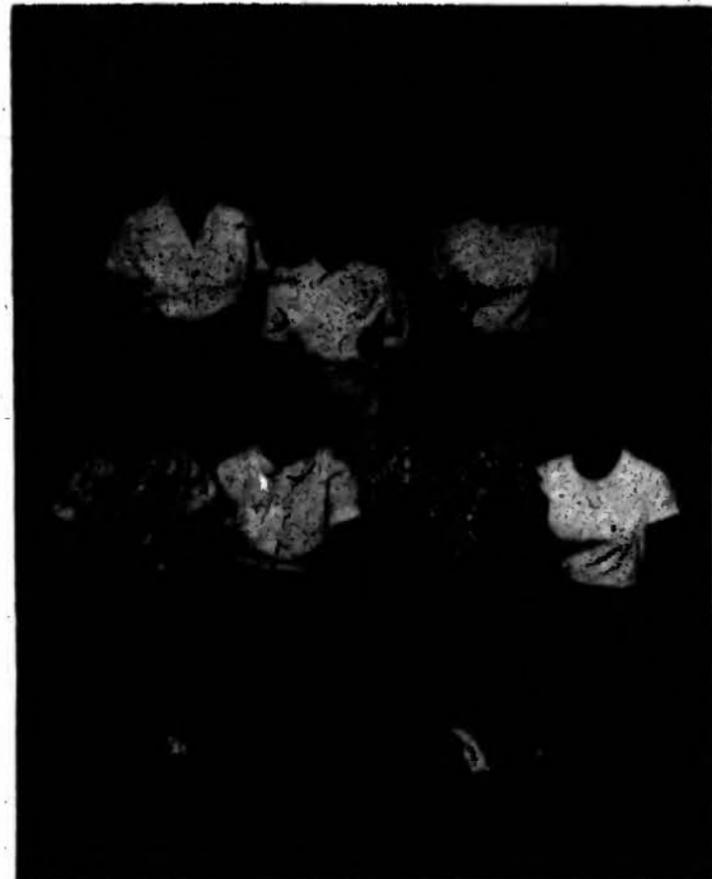
The Mercer R.O.T.C. Rifle Team, composed of five regular members, has just completed firing in the 29th annual William Randolph Hearst R.O.T.C. competitive matches.

Emmett W. Bowers, Decatur; George S. Carpenter, Milledgeville; James O. Dorriety, Macon; Wentford A. Spears, Macon; and George W. Floyd, Jr., Jeffersonville, made up Mercer's group.

Bowers made the highest unofficial record for the team. Floyd and Carpenter were said to have been close second placers. Col. military science, indicated that official team results will not be known for several weeks.

The rules for the Hearst rifle matches limit each team to five members. All contestants in the matches just concluded fired five times for record in each of four standard positions—prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing, officials commented.

Small bore rifles which fire cal. 22 rim-fire ammunition were used. One shot per minute is authorized; and once a student has commenced firing, the target must be completed within a five-minute limit. No artificial supports or rests are allowed.



**ALL STARS:** The girls' intramural basketball all-star team this year, chosen by the managers of the individual teams. Includes: left to right, front row, forwards Mary Conway, Savannah, M.I.C.A.; Barbara Castleberry, Lumpkin, M.I.C.A.; Jane Busbee, Vienna, Chi Omega; and Molly Wheeler, Monroe, Phi Mu. On the back row are guards Betty Norton, Boston, Chi Omega; Emily Holland, Monticello, Phi Mu; and Gloria Downs, Lanier, Chi Omega.

## IN THE BEAR'S DEN

With Bob Bonner

Tomorrow night the Mercer Bears end the basketball season for 1950 when they tangle with Troy Teachers College. The sparkling 1950 edition of Coach Jim Cowan's aggregation have bettered last year's record by knocking down 16 opponents to date, while only falling to five. The University of Georgia Bulldogs are the only team to hold two victories over the local quintet this year. Wofford, Florida State, and Tampa each have defeated the Bears once.



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This year's squad is probably the best Coach Cowan has had at Mercer. With such a combination as Glenn Wilkes, Nathan Webb, Lamar Clements, Captain Mayes Dobbins, and Glenn Cassell, along with the splendid substituting of Aulbert Kinsaul, Bob Reeder, Emory Wilson, Sonny Bivins, and the rest, the team was found hard to beat by all opponents.

Wilkes has been receiving recognition all over the sports nation for his individual performances. At one time he was in top place in individual scoring in the nation in small colleges. According to the latest reports given out by the NAIB, he is ranking third place, and that is good any way you look at it. Coach Jim Whatley of the strong Bulldogs from Athens made the comment last Saturday night that Wilkes was the best player his team had faced all season. All Wilkes did was dump in 26 points against the Dogs in Athens and 30 against them here, and play the best ballgame of his career. No other player has scored a total of 30 points against the SEC five this year. No wonder the Bulldogs were scared of him. He is pretty dangerous under the basket.

Next week the hard-charging and fast-breaking Bears journey to Tallahassee, Florida, to participate in the Dixie Conference tournament. They enter the tournament as the number one team, and are in the favorite role. The "Black Cat" team for the Bears is Florida State University.

The FSU Seminoles know how to give our Bruins a rough time and they are very effective in holding Wilkes down. Last year Mercer managed to edge out two victories during regular season play over the Seminoles, but lost the first game of the tournament to them. Since Mercer has been seeded first and Florida State second, the two teams cannot possibly meet until the final round, which, incidentally, is a good mark for the Bears. The tournament begins next Monday night, the 2nd. Cowan will take his boys down Monday morning. Good luck to you Bears, and all of the students and fans back home will really be pulling for you!

### ODDS AN' ENDS

The officiating this year has not been satisfying to anyone, I don't think. In almost every home basketball game this year, visiting coaches complained about the sorry officiating, and not only have the visiting coaches but home town fans and students have been aroused also. The booings of the referees has become a regular tradition. It seems, in Porter gym, should better officials be obtained, then the sportsmanship of the students would probably be like it should. The referees do not seem to call the game in favor of the home team or the visiting team because supporters or players of each have complained. This can only lead up to the fact that they can not call a basketball game of college calibre.

It seems as though Kappa Sigma will take their second trophy of the year tonight. They play Kappa Alpha in their last scheduled game and are rated as the favorite. They have won nine straight games without a defeat. Year before last the Sigs were the basketball champions, but Sigma Alpha Epsilon took the crown away last year.